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REVIEW OF NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the National Youth Policy 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;

(c) the names of the programmes which provides the policy directions for development and empowerment of youth and adolescent; and

(d) if not, the time by which the review is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing National Youth Policy 2003, provides for a review after 5 years from the date of commencement of implementation.There is now a clear recognition in the Prime Minister`s policy statements, the approach to the Eleventh Five Year Plan and the 2007 World Development Report on `Development and the next Generation` all underline the critical inter-connection between youth development and overall national development.The review will take into account this overarching objective. Developments in the filed of technology, particularly Information Technology and communication network necessitate reworking of the priorities and thrust areas for youth. The role of youth in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and of PRI in the amelioration of the condition of the rural youth needs to be strengthened in the review of the policy.

(c) The following schemes and programmes were implemented by the Ministry for development and empowerment of youth and adolescent during the 10th Plan:-

i) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan

ii) National Service Scheme

iii) Financial Assistance to Rural Youth and Sports Clubs including evaluation

iv) National Service Volunteer Scheme

v) Rashtriya Sadbhavana Yojana

vi) Financial Assistance for Promotion of Youth Activities and Training

vii) Financial Assistance for Promotion of National Integration

viii) Financial Assistance for Promotion of Adventure

ix) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development

x) Youth Hostels

xi) Scouting & Guiding

xii) Commonwealth Youth Programmes and exchange of youth delegations

(d) These schemes /programmes were reviewed in 2006-07 by the Working Group on Youth Affairs and Adolescents Development for the formulation of the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012).